

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Re-consideration of the Affidavit filed 10/04/2007 has overcome the priority objection of record. The two assays performed that characterize the deposited PTA-5690 antibody do have different results, but only because of the different assays performed. The manner in which the data was recorded and presented originally was thought to indicate the antibodies were different, but after discussion with Applicant's representative it is clear that the antibodies in both applications are in fact the same deposited antibody. Therefore, the instant application will receive a priority date of October 8, 1999.
2. Rejoinder of amended method claims 29 and 31 has been requested. The amendment to the claims to recite "colon" overcomes the 112 1st paragraph enablement rejection of record. The original restriction requirement (mailed 12/27/2006) between Group 4 (Claims 21-28) and Group 5 (Claims 29-32) is withdrawn in view of this rejoinder. The restriction requirement between Groups 1-4 is maintained.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MEERA NATARAJAN whose telephone

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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